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SUBJECT : CODEL SCOTT'S VISIT BAHRAIN

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1. IN ABSENCE RESPONSE TO MANAMA REFTEL SUGGESTING ARRIVAL EARLY ENOUGH TO MAKE 1100 CALL ON AMIR, AND IN VIEW SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES INDICATING CODEL'S ARRIVAL AT 1250 LOCAL TIME, WE ARE PROCEEDING TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT AT APPROXIMATELY 1315 WITH BAHRAIN'S FOREIGN MINISTER, SHAIKH MOHAMMAD BIN MUBARAK AL KHALIFA.

2. BAHRAIN PETROLEUM COMPANY (CALTEX) ACTING PRESIDENT LETSCHER HAD OFFERED TO HOST LUNCHEON FOR CODEL AT BAPCO HEADQUARTERS SOME 30 MINUTES FROM MANAMA. IN VIEW OF TIGHT TIMING OF STOP, HOWEVER, WE MUST PROCEED TO REGRET THIS INVITATION AND WILL SEEK TO FILL THE APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR BETWEEN END OF APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND DEPARTURE FOR AIRPORT WITH A COMBINATION BRIEFING AND AUTO TOUR OF BAHRAIN. MRS. BIGLEY, WIFE OF COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE, WILL ACCOMPANY MRS. SCOTT DURING HER STOP HERE (MARKET WILL BE CLOSED DURING HER STOP
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HERE) UNLESS MRS. SCOTT PREFERS TO REJOIN SENATOR AFTER CALL

ON FOREIGN MINISTER FOR TOUR/BRIEFING. IN VIEW OF TIGHT
TIMING, WE ASSUME CODEL WILL HAVE LUNCHEON ON PLANE PRIOR TO
ARRIVAL BAHRAIN.

3. COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE, REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS J. BIGLEY,
AND CHARGE' AND CONTROL OFFICER, PETER BURLEIGH, WILL ACCOMPANY
CODEL THROUGHOUT VISIT. AMBASSADOR WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY SHOULD
UNANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS PREVENT HIS BEING HOME IN VIRGINIA
ON AUGUST 9.
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